MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (i) (*a*) 35.
(*b*) 19.

(2) A statement containing the information has been called for from the Administrative Board, Medical Services.

Malayalam Shorthand.

96 **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Malayalam Shorthand has been included as one of the optional subjects in the syllabus for the English School Leaving Certificate Examination in accordance with the answer given by them to the interpellation asked by Mr. M. N. Pillai on the subject at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 8th August 1927;

(*b*) whether this fact has been notified in the *Government Gazette* for the information of the public; and

(*c*) whether they will take all necessary and encouraging steps to popularise Malayalam Shorthand?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The amendment to the Education Code to include Malayalam Shorthand as an optional subject for the English School Leaving Certificate Examination has been held in abeyance, pending orders on the general remodelling of the scheme of the E. S. L. C. course.

(*c*) It is not clear in what further directions the Government should move in the matter.

MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): With reference to part (*c*) ഷാർട്ടഹാൻറിനെ ഇന്നയിന്നവിധം പ്രോത്സാഹിപ്പിക്കണമെന്നു കാണിച്ചു ഗവർണ്മെൻറിനു വല്ല മെമ്മോറിയലും കിട്ടീട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): ഇപ്പോഴം പറയാൻ നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

PRESIDENT: You are not entitled to answer in Malayalam.

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